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Motor Carrier Calendar Notes

January 31, 2005

Fourth quarter Intrastate Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (Form MCFT-101 available on our website at www.in.gov/dor/mcs/formmlist.html#mc) and Interstate International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA-101) returns are due.

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Claims for Proportional Use Credit are due. Form MCS-1789 is available on our website at www.in.gov/dor/mcs/formlist.html#mc.

State Holidays

Our offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of state holidays:

Christmas

Friday, December 24, 2004* &
Monday, December 27, 2004**

(*Christmas observed,

**Washington's Birthday observed)

New Year's Day

Friday, December 31, 2004

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 17, 2005

Good Friday

Friday, March 25, 2005

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2005 Interstate and/or Intrastate Renewal Reminder

Your annual Interstate Single State Registration System (SSRS), and/or US DOT (Intrastate) renewal applications (Form BAS-1A) were mailed out in late August 2004. Your renewal application was due back in our office on or before November 30, 2004, in order for your credential(s) to be mailed timely for 2005. If you have questions about your renewal, or if you have not yet received your credentials, please contact our office at (317) 615-7350 or e-mail Sandy Bowling at sbowling@dor.IN.gov.

PLEASE NOTE, if you are a private carrier of non-hazardous materials, you **did not** receive a 2005 renewal, because private non-hazardous materials carriers are required to register only one time.

IFTA Exchange Rate for Fourth Quarter

The US/Canada exchange rate is 1.2944 - 0.7726 for the fourth quarter 2004 IFTA fuel tax return .

International Registration Plan (IRP) via the Internet

If you know someone who has not yet used the Internet for processing IRP transactions, please try it out. So far this year, over 12,000 transactions were processed and over 28 million dollars in fees were paid electronically. The three most popular transactions types are plate transfers, adding vehicles and renewals.

We have enhanced our Internet services based on your feedback. The number of cab cards you can print via the Internet has been raised from 50 to 500. More information on other changes will be forthcoming.

If you haven't used it yet, what are you waiting for? Sign on www.in.gov/dor/mcs/ by clicking on this link.

IRP Reminder

When you submit the required documents to the IRP office for transactions processed on the Internet, be certain to include your account number, fleet number and the transaction numbers on each document. If you don't, there will be delays in processing your documents, which may cause your account to be suspended.

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

How may I get a copy of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR's) are available at most large truck stops or through a printing agency that specializes in printing federal regulations: Federal Printing Office, 200 N. High St., Suite 207, Columbus, OH 43215, (614)469-6856; J.J. Keller Assoc., 3003 W. Breezewood Ln., P. O. Box 368, Neenah, WI 54957-0368, (800)327-6868; and Label Master, 5724 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60646-6797, (800)621-5808, www.jjkeller.com.

Who is required to maintain a log book?

Drivers who have commercial motor vehicles that have a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or combined gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds or more;

Drivers who operate vehicles designed to transport nine (9) or more passengers (including the driver) for hire; and

Drivers who drive or transport hazardous materials in intrastate or interstate commerce in any vehicle.

Further specifications are outlined in Part 395.1 of the FMCSR's.

Who is exempt from maintaining a log book?

Drivers of farm trucks that are used for agricultural purposes and are registered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as farm trucks.

Drivers of vehicles in intrastate construction or construction-related service.

Generally, drivers who drive within a one hundred (100) air-mile radius of their normal work reporting location.

How current do log entries have to be?

Very current! Drivers should have everything recorded up to their last change of duty status.

What does the driver do with the forms when they're completed?

The driver should keep a copy of each record of duty status for the previous seven (7) consecutive days. These records should be in his or her possession and available for inspection while on-duty. The original shall be forwarded to the carrier, where it is to be maintained for a period of six months.

Whom do I contact with other Safety questions?

Please direct any questions concerning size and weight, oversize load escorts, hazardous material, compliance reviews, or other matters related to the enforcement of commercial vehicle rules and regulations to the Indiana State Police via their website, www.in.gov/isp.

Contact Us...

International Registration Plan

(317) 615-7340
Fax: (317) 821-2335

International Fuel Tax / Motor Carrier Fuel Tax

(317) 615-7345
Fax: (317) 821-2337

US DOT & Single State Registration

(317) 615-7350
Fax: (317) 821-2339

Oversize/Overweight

(317) 615-7320
Fax: (317) 821-2336

Commercial Driver's License

(317) 615-7335
Fax: (317) 821-2340



Drop-Off Box

The Motor Carrier Services Division has a drop-off box located in front of its customer service entrance. This "mailbox" allows carriers to drop off CDL physicals, renewals and any other documents after our office hours. The drop-off box is checked each business morning for documents and is located at 5252 Decatur Boulevard, Suite R., Indianapolis.

